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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR US-USSR TOURISM AGREEMENT

1. EUR/SOV ON JULY 20 CALLED IN SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY TREPYKHALIN AND USSR TRADE REPRESENTATIVE LEGAL ADVISER TISHCHENKO TO PRESENT A NOTE PROPOSING NEGOTIATION OF TOURISM AGREEMENT. THE TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE STATES THE FOLLOWING TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS: SINCE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BECAME A SIGNATORY TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, IT HAS SOUGHT PRACTICAL STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE SECTION OF THE FINAL ACT ON TOURISM. IN THE SPIRIT OF PRINCIPLE NINE OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS SIGNED MAY 29, 1972, ARTICLE XIV OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL RELATIONS SIGNED JUNE 19, 1973, AND THE JOINT STATEMENT SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1974 AT THE CONCLUSION

OF THE VISIT TO THE USSR OF THEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR TOURISM WASHBURN, THIS GOVERNMENT BELIEVES A CONCRETE STEP FORWARD WOULD BE THE CONCLUSION OF A TOURISM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN THIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, SUCH AN AGREEMENT SHOULD BE MORE THAN A DECLARATION

OF INTENT TO INCREASE TOURISM, AND SHOULD CONTAIN CONCRETE PROVISIONS TO ENSURE THAT SUCH INCREASES ACTUALLY OCCUR. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE VIEWS OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF ENTERING INTO SUCH A BILATERAL TOURISM AGREEMENT. END TEXT.

2. WE NOTED THAT THE CONCEPT OF A TOURISM AGREEMENT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE RECENT US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL AND THAT THE SOVIET REACTION HAD BEEN FAVORABLE. WE INDICATED OUR INTEREST IN PROMOTING TOURISM, PARTICULARLY IN INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SOVIET TOURISTS TO THE US. WE AWAITED SOVIET RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT. VANCE

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